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December 15, 1997

Blaine Taylor
Ridgerock Mining Company
395 South 600 East
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

Re: Notice of File Closure for Small Mining Activities, Ridge Rock Mine, S/047/033, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This letter is to notify you that file #S/047/033, for the Ridge Rock small mining project, located in Section 35, T6S, R21E, Uintah County, Utah, will be closed and the file retired.

The Division performed a site inspection on April 11, 1996 and recommended release of the site. Because this project was situated on federally managed lands, the Division had to receive concurrence from the BLM prior to release of the project. On October 8, 1996, we received notification from the BLM that they inspected the project area and found the surface reclamation satisfactory. The BLM subsequently closed out their file for this project. Because this project is located on BLM managed lands, we will accept the BLM's recommendation and also close our file accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this action, please provide us with written notification within 15 days of the date of this letter. If you plan to conduct any new mining activities at this location, you will need to submit the appropriate notice of intention before commencing any activity. We apologize for the lengthy delay in closing out this file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony A. Gallegos".

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Pete Sokolosky, BLM, Vernal Field Office (UTU-66361)
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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF DOGM FILE

December 15, 1997

FILE NO. S/047/033 MINE NAME Ridge Rock Mine
OPERATOR Blaine Taylor, Ridgerock Mining Company
LOCATION SW/4 SW/4 section 35, T6S, R21E, SLBM, Uintah County
SURFACE OWNERSHIP BLM
MINERAL OWNERSHIP BLM
DATE OF LAST DOGM INSPECTION April 11, 1996

JUSTIFICATION FOR FILE CLOSURE S/047/033

The project was a placer mining operation near the bank of the Green River. Kent Dahl was the initial operator contact for this small mine notice. Division staff inspected the site on August 15, 1990 with BLM staff to evaluate the reclamation performed prior to that date. On April 11, 1996 Division staff inspected the site and recommended the site be fully released. BLM staff inspected the site on September 26, 1996 and determined the reclamation of the area has been satisfactorily completed. The BLM has closed their surface management case file UTU-66361 for this project.